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*Bound Together in Love*



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# Oaks Notes



## Acorns on the Ground

### New Beginnings



*Oaks Christian Church is a family church that loves to share God's word, God's Love, and God's fellowship with the world. We are a church in the near inner loop that strives to be a helpful part of the community. We are about Deep Christian spirituality, a true community and a passion for Justice. We celebrate communion every Sunday service and all who believe are welcome to receive.*

I've been so excited about this 'new start' here at the Oaks. As I've said many times, in sermons and to various individuals, words simply cannot express my excitement... and I mean that. Not long after it became clear that I would get this job, I began thinking about what I would like to do here. My family and I talked about how I would decorate my new office, and everyone knew it was time for the "Butterfly".

The Butterfly is a large decorative quilt that was given as a personal gift from my friends in the Beaumont Quilt Guild. They told me that it symbolized "new beginnings" and after all, isn't that what much of the Christian faith is about? I've actually had it for several years, but never felt led to hang it in my office, home or otherwise. I told people that I wanted the timing to be just right. So last week, we hung it on the wall in my new office.

I feel like all of us are starting something new here. And, we're not alone! God says in Isaiah 43:19, "I am going to do something new...I will make ways in the wilderness and streams in the desert." I know God is going to do something incredible here! Obviously, He already has! I feel like I am fortunate enough to be at the right place at the right time... and I am blessed to be a part of some of the great things that He is doing here at the Oaks. If you get a chance, please come by the office, you can check out the butterfly on the wall, sit a while or we can go grab some lunch. Together, we will see what "New Beginnings" He has in store for all of us. See you Sunday!

In His Grip,  
Don



### TOILETRIES NEEDED FOR MANNA'S PANTRY

**For more information  
Contact**

**Billie Murray  
(281) 448-1667**

#### Items Needed:

Toiletries,  
toothpaste, deodorant,  
soap, bath tissue,  
shampoo and shaving  
cream.

**Open Mon, Tues and  
Thurs 9:30 a.m. –  
11:30pm.**



### Prayer Circle

Every Second Tuesday of the Month  
9:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. in Kirchner Hall.

Everyone Welcome!

*Don't worry about anything, but pray about everything. With thankful hearts offer up your prayers and requests to God.  
Philippians 4:6*

### Board Happenings -

**Barb Scantlin, Board Chair - Friendly Reminder:**

**There will be a General Board Meeting, April 15, 2012 after church service. There will be NO Executive Board Meeting for the month of April.**




**Thank you.**

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# APRIL 2012

Disciples of Christ - Bound Together in Love

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 1	2	3	4	5	6 Church Office Closed	7
 8	9	 10	11	12	13 Church Office Closed	14
Board Meeting  15	16	17	18	19	20 Church Office Closed	21
22	23	24	25	26	27 Church Office Closed	 28
29	30					

## Schedule of Events

**April 01 -**  
Bread Sunday

**April 01 -**  
Palm Sunday - Easter Egg Hunt  
and Fellowship Meal

**April 03 -**  
Love Meals Easter theme. Meet  
at church at 10 am

**April 10 -**  
Prayer circle 9:30 am. CWF-  
Service

**April 17 -**  
Visitation 1 pm. Meet for lunch  
at 11 am

**April 24 -**  
General Meeting  
Covered dish 6 p.m.  
Hostesses: Ruth Conover

## APRIL BIRTHDAYS:

03 - Matthew Rasco  
09 - Robert Dyes  
10 - Jennifer Salinas  
11 - Roy King  
17 - Katelyn Clawson  
18 - Zachary Smith  
26 - Ruth Conover  
26 - Kelly Saldivar  
29 - Rosanne Henderson

## APRIL ANNIVERSARIES:

03 - Albert and Carole Green  
14 - Lara and Michael Rasco

## Looking Ahead May - CWF

**May 01 -**  
Love Meals - Meet at church at  
10 a.m.  
**May 08 -**  
Prayer Circle  
9:30 a.m. and Service  
**May 15 -**  
Trip to Galveston for lunch.  
**May 22 -**  
General Meeting  
Covered Dish 6 p.m.  
Hostesses: Linda Dalmasso and  
Carole Green  
**May 29 -**  
Visitation 1 p.m. Meet for lunch  
at 11 a.m.



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Announcement, Thank You, Church Attendance and Treasury Report  
*ARTICLES ARE DUE NO LATER THAN LAST TUESDAY OF THE MONTH AT NOON!*

*Heights Christian Church  
Is Celebrating it's  
Centennial  
Anniversary  
1912 - 2012*

*In honor of the Centennial Anniversary of  
Heights Christian Church your friends and  
family in Christ request the pleasure of your  
company in the service of worship on Sunday,  
April 15, 2012, at ten forty five in the morning.  
1703 Heights Boulevard  
Houston, Texas 77008  
Please join us at a reception following service.  
R.S.V.P by April 7th, 2012  
713.861.0016*

## Thank You

To: Pastor and All Brother's and Sisters  
of Oaks Christian Church

My family would like to apologize for our ex-  
tended absence. Since September 2011, LaMorris  
was gone working a lot until this spring when he  
landed a job that kept him home more. We now  
reside in Huntsville, TX.

There is a sister church here in Huntsville that we  
have recently been attending. Oaks Christian has  
and is a great inspiration to myself and family and  
we would like to thank everyone for the acceptance  
and love. You're always on our minds and heart.  
This church is a wonderful family of God's people  
and I'm glad to have this family introduced to my  
family.

Many continued blessing and love. Hopefully one  
day, we'll be able to pop in for a visit.

The Bonner Family  
You are truly appreciated!  
Thanks again.



## Thank You for your endless support, love and friendship

Dear Friends,  
Thank you so much for the beautiful pink blanket you made for me! I love both the solid & floral sides, and have been flipping it back and forth. It was such a surprise when Anne brought it to the hospital! To wrap up in it was great (everything at the hospital was so scratchy!) but the

best thing was to look at it and be reminded that all of you were praying and caring. I bragged on y'all to the nurses who said how pretty the blanket was. Thanks so much for not only your sweet gift, but the friendship behind it!

Love,  
Susan



Free Lunch Saturday will be April 28th.

*Katie Spencer,*

*The Evangelism Team*

## MARCH Church Attendance Report

Attendance for the Month of March	Sunday School	Church Attendance
March 04, 2012	14	43
March 11, 2012	13	42
March 18, 2012	14	41
March 25, 2011	17	48
TOTALS	58	174

## From the Treasurer - Dorene Drake

Operating Account 2012	February	March	April
Deposits	\$8,500.00	\$8,389.01	Next issue
Disbursements	\$6,248.35	\$6,703.45	Next issue
Difference	\$2,251.65	\$1,685.56	Next issue